

“Having a BLAST in the Kingdom”

Isaiah 25:6-9; Various Scriptures

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Introduction

- The joy of sweet Christian fellowship in comparison to what the world offers
- *Will the kingdom be a BORE or a BLAST?*

Having a BLAST in the Kingdom

A. Description of the BIG PARTY!

- Isaiah 25:6-9-- *“And in this mountain The LORD of hosts will make for all people a feast of choice pieces, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of well-refined wines on the lees. And He will destroy on this mountain the surface of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken. And it will be said in that day: ‘Behold, this is our God; We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the LORD; We have waited for Him; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.’”*
1. **Context: At Jesus Christ’s second coming, judgment on the world. Jesus Christ reigning.**
 - Isaiah 24:21-23-- *“It shall come to pass in that day that the LORD will punish on high the host of exalted ones, and on the earth the kings of the earth. They will be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and will be shut up in the prison; After many days they will be punished. Then the moon will be disgraced and the sun ashamed; For the LORD of hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem and before His elders, gloriously.”*
 2. **At this time, Jesus Christ will throw a big party.**
 - Isaiah 30:29 -- *“You shall have a song as in the night when a holy festival is kept, and gladness of heart as when one goes with a flute, to come into the mountain of the LORD, to the Mighty One of Israel.”*
 - Jeremiah 31:12-14-- *“Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, streaming to the goodness of the LORD— for wheat and new wine and oil, for the young of the flock and the herd; Their souls shall be like a well-watered garden, and they shall sorrow no more at all. Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old, together; For I will turn their mourning to joy, will comfort them, and make them rejoice rather than sorrow. I will satiate the soul of the priests with abundance, and My people shall be satisfied with My goodness, says the LORD.”*
 3. **Jesus Christ pictures the coming Kingdom as a Great Banquet in Luke 14.**

B. Reasons for having a BLAST in the Kingdom!

1. **Planet earth liberated from the powers of evil and darkness.**
2. **The Jews will experience their final regathering and permanent occupation of their promised land.**
 - a. **The regathering will be a source of great joy.**
 - Isaiah 12:3-6-- *“Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And in that day you will say: “Praise the LORD, call upon His name; Declare His deeds among the peoples, make mention that His name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for He has done excellent things; This is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!”*

- Isaiah 52:7-10 -- *“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, ‘Your God reigns!’ Your watchmen shall lift up their voices, with their voices they shall sing together; For they shall see eye to eye when the LORD brings back Zion. Break forth into joy, sing together, you waste places of Jerusalem! For the LORD has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; And all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.”*
- b. **The regathering will be quick and painless.**
- Isaiah 66:10-14 -- *“Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all you who love her; Rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourn for her; That you may feed and be satisfied with the consolation of her bosom, that you may drink deeply and be delighted with the abundance of her glory.” For thus says the LORD: ‘Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream. Then you shall feed; On her sides shall you be carried, and be dandled on her knees. As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; And you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.’ When you see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like grass; The hand of the LORD shall be known to His servants, and His indignation to His enemies.”*
- c. **The restoration includes the rebuilding of Jerusalem.**
- Jeremiah 30:18-19-- *“Thus says the LORD: ‘Behold, I will bring back the captivity of Jacob’s tents, and have mercy on his dwelling places; The city shall be built upon its own mound, and the palace shall remain according to its own plan. Then out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of those who make merry; I will multiply them, and they shall not diminish; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.”*
- d. **The restoration will be accompanied by renewal of God’s material blessings.**
- Jeremiah 31:12-14-- *“Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, streaming to the goodness of the LORD— for wheat and new wine and oil, for the young of the flock and the herd; Their souls shall be like a well-watered garden, and they shall sorrow no more at all. ‘Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old, together; For I will turn their mourning to joy, will comfort them, and make them rejoice rather than sorrow. I will satiate the soul of the priests with abundance, and My people shall be satisfied with My goodness,’ says the LORD.”*
- e. **Israel’s enemies are finally defeated.**
- Zephaniah 3:14-17-- *“Sing, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away your judgments, He has cast out your enemy. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; You shall see disaster no more. In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: ‘Do not fear; Zion, let not your hands be weak. The LORD your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.’”*
3. **Nature will be liberated from its bondage to corruption.**
- Romans 8:20-22-- *“For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.”*
 - Isaiah 55:12-13 -- *“For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace; The mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you, And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; And it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”*

4. **Physical death will be rare and eliminated altogether at the end of the Millennium.**
 - Isaiah 25:7-8a -- *"And He will destroy on this mountain the surface of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever."*
5. **The Lord will wipe all tears from our eyes.**
 - Isaiah 25:8b-- *"And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken."*
6. **People all over the world will be liberated from their sins.**
 - Isaiah 25:9-- *"And it will be said in that day: 'Behold, this is our God; We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the LORD; We have waited for Him; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.'"*
 - Luke 15:10-- *"joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*
 - a. **When all Israel is saved at Jesus' second coming, they will enter into the New Covenant relationship with God providing for forgiveness of sins and the indwelling of the Spirit.**
 - b. **During the Kingdom, Jesus will drink the fourth cup, the cup of Joyful Acceptance.**
 - Matthew 26:29-- that *"I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom!"*
 - c. **The "fasts" of Israel will be transformed into feasts.**
 - Zechariah 8:19-- *"Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'The fast of the fourth month, the fast of the fifth, the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be joy and gladness and cheerful feasts for the house of Judah. Therefore love truth and peace.'"*
7. **All who initially enter the Kingdom will be saved, and thus filled with the Spirit.**

Having a BLAST Today

A. Jesus Christ desires for us to experience His joy in full.

- John 17:13-- *"I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them."*
- John 15:11-- *"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full."*

B. How can we experience "fullness of joy" today?

1. **Through living in fellowship with God, marked by obedience to the Word of God.**
 - John 15:9-10-- *"As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love."*
 - John 15:11-- *"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full."*
2. **Through experiencing fellowship with other believers, marked by harmony.**
 - Philippians 1:25-26-- *"And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith, that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again."*
 - Philippians 2:1-2-- *"If there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind."*